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Statement by Health and Human Services Secretary Kim Belshé about PPIC Poll on Health Care Reform

Governor Schwarzenegger's top health advisor, California Health and Human Services Secretary Kim Belshé, today issued the following statement regarding a Public Policy Institute of California poll that shows a large majority of Californians support the Governor's comprehensive health care plan:

"This poll demonstrates Californians understand that the health care system is broken and in need of comprehensive reform. The relentless increase in health premiums is unsustainable. Insured Californians are paying a 'hidden tax' in the form of higher premiums driven by uncompensated cost of care to the uninsured. Californians recognize that the status quo is no longer an option. Since everyone stands to gain from having all Californians insured, everyone needs to be at the table as a part of the solution. The Governor is working with legislators, doctors, hospitals, insurance plans, employers, labor, and consumer groups to build upon the comprehensive plan he proposed earlier this month."